

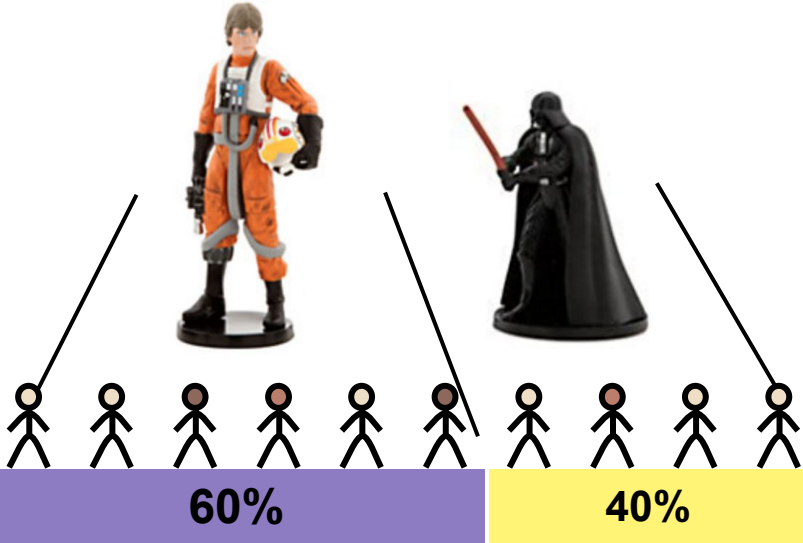
IT'S A TWO PARTY SYSTEM

**YOU HAVE TO VOTE FOR ONE
OF US!**



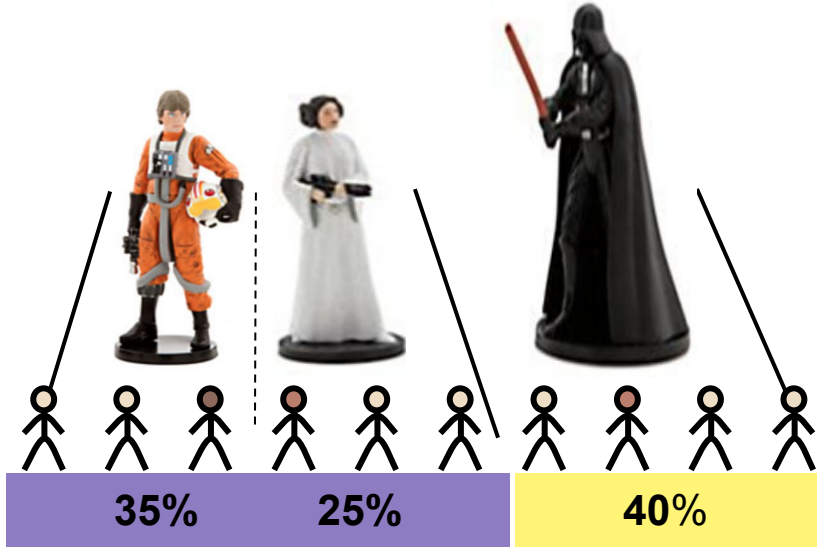
Divided and Conquered = The “Spoiler Effect”

Two Candidates Only : Fair Election



Majority Wins

More Than Two : Unfair Advantage

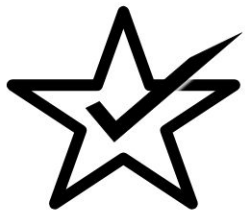


Majority Loses



STAR VOTING

SCORE - THEN - AUTOMATIC - RUNOFF



Worst

Best

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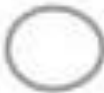
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Luke Skywalker



Darth Vader



Princess Leia



Han Solo



Chewy



Round 1:

Find the two highest scoring candidates



Darth Vader

11,097

Han Solo

8,869



Luke Skywalker

10,097

Princess Leia

7,543

Chewy

1,863

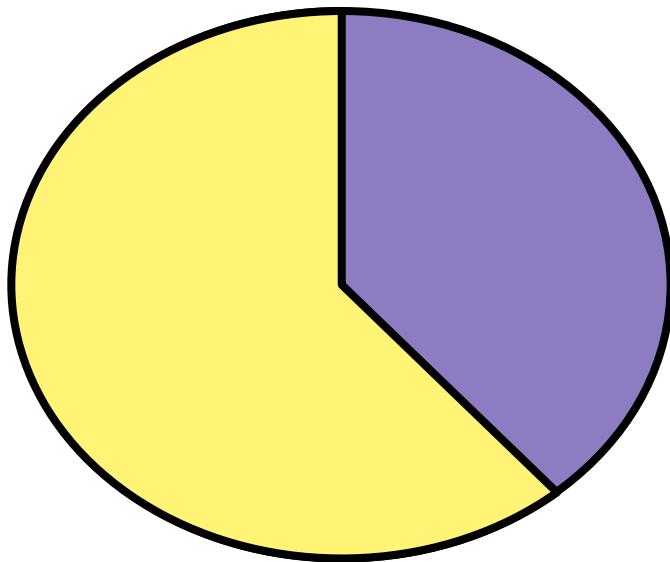
Round 2: Your vote goes to the finalist you prefer.

|  | Worst | | | | | Best |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Luke Skywalker | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Darth Vader | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Princess Leia | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Han Solo | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Chewy | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Round 2:

The finalist preferred by more voters wins

Luke
Skywalker
60%



Darth
Vader
40%

STAR guarantees a majority preferred winner!



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SCORE - THEN - AUTOMATIC - RUNOFF

Score candidates from 0 - 5 stars.

If you don't have a preference you can give candidates the same scores. Those you leave blank receive a zero

| Score Candidates: | Worst | | | | | Best |
|-------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Abby | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Carmen | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| DeAndre | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Erik | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Raul | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sonya | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

The two highest scoring candidates are finalists.
The finalist preferred by the majority wins.



Voter
Instructions

Tabulation



Ranked Choice Voting

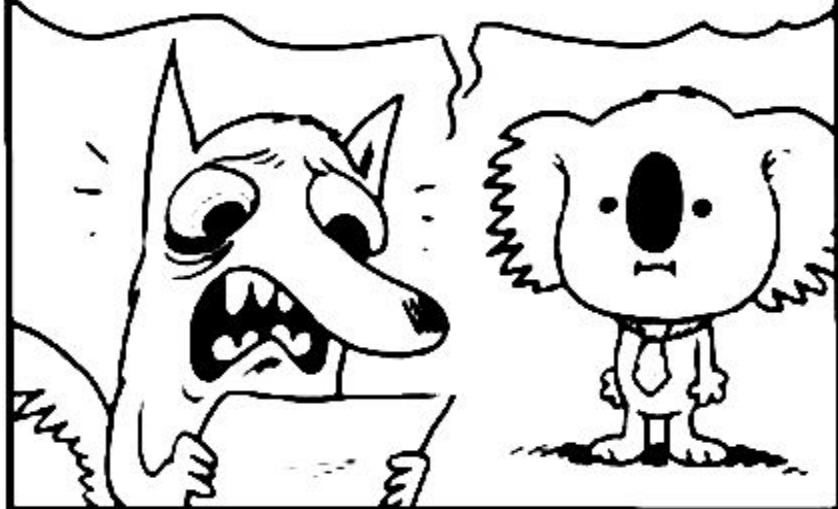
Rank your candidates.

You can't give the same ranking twice

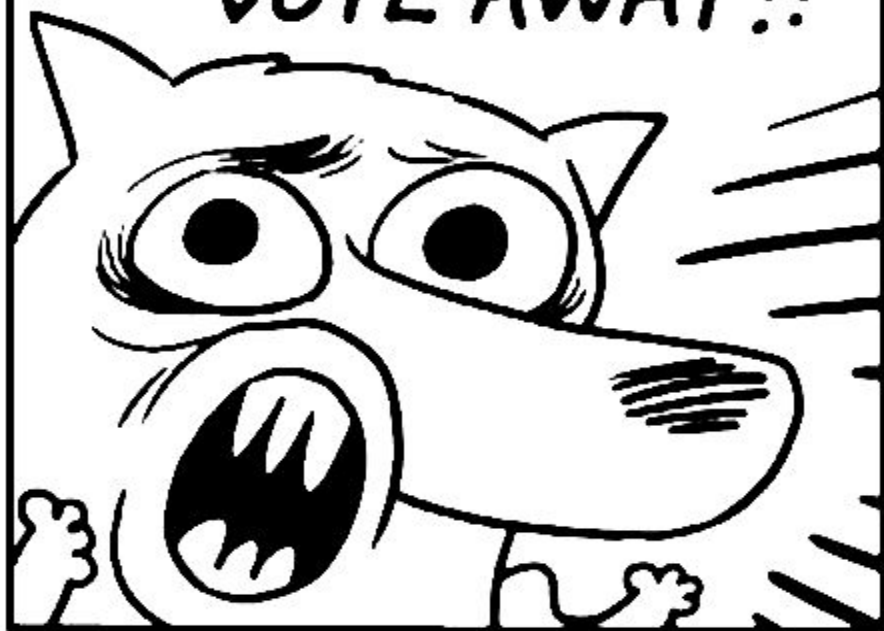
| Rate Candidates: | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Abby | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Carmen | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| DeAndre | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Erik | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Raul | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Sonya | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

First choice votes are counted and the candidate who came in last place is eliminated. This process continues in tournament style rounds. In each round, ballots for the eliminated candidate are reallocated to the voter's next remaining choice, if possible. If the next choice has already been eliminated then the ballot is 'exhausted' and does not count in subsequent rounds.

Wait! You eliminated my 1st choice but never counted the rest of my rankings!



HEY!!! YOU'RE
**THROWING MY
VOTE AWAY!!**



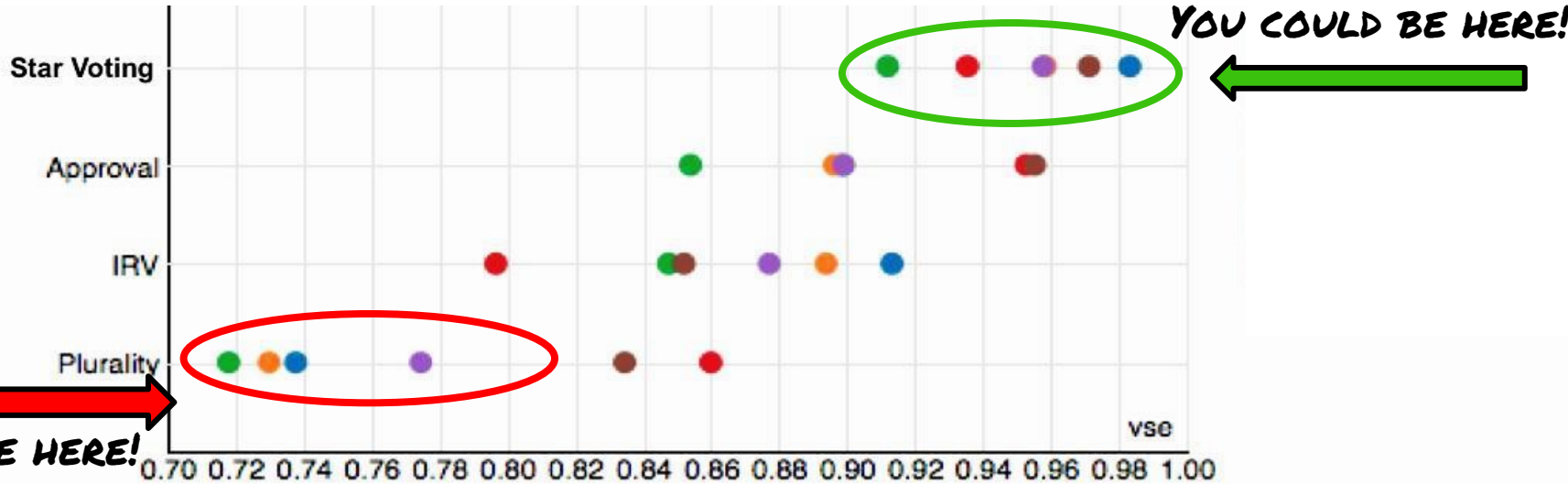
Single-Winner Voting Method Scorecard

| | Choose-One | Ranked Choice (IRV) | Approval | Score | STAR |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Spoiler Effect / Vote Splitting | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Gives an advantage to some types of candidates | Favors polarizing candidates who are "viable" | Strong underdog candidates are at a disadvantage | Favors candidates seen as more "viable" | Favors "viable" consensus candidates over polarized majority | NO |
| Wasted Votes and Exhausted Ballots | Not voting for a front-runner is a wasted vote | Exhausted Ballots are not counted in the final round | Not voting for a front-runner is a wasted vote | Scoring viable candidates low can make your vote less powerful | Even if your favorites can't win your vote helps prevent your worst case scenario |
| Ballots can be tabulated locally? | YES | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| Tabulation Complexity | Basic Addition 2 Elections Recommended | Algebra required Multiple Rounds | Basic Addition One Round | Basic Addition One Round | Basic Addition 2 rounds of tabulation |
| Accuracy (VSE ie. Voter Satisfaction Efficiency) | 72 - 86% | 80 - 91% | 84 - 95% | 84 - 97% | 91 - 98% |
| Strategy Resistance Factor (VSE) | 18 : 1 | 3 : 1 | 3 : 1 | 4 : 1 | 1 : 1 |

Graphic by the Equal Vote Coalition - Statistics from the Center For Election Science

Election Accuracy by Voting System

Voter Satisfaction Efficiency as measured by the Center for Election Science



Bad Election Outcomes

Good Election Outcomes

Source: <http://electology.github.io/vse-sim/VSE/>

Captions added for clarity.

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